Agent Oswald

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Prologue and Hour One

FINAL SCRIPT: PROLOGUE

NARRATOR
At the edge of downtown Dallas, the Union Pacific railroad crosses a triple underpass near a place called Dealey Plaza. [9"]

OPENING CREDITS

NARRATOR
On the north side of Dealey Plaza are the Dallas County Jail, the court house and the Texas School Book Depository. [6"]

In Dealey Plaza it is always November 22, 1963. [6"]

Motion control

SOF FASHION SHOW
I notice that there are a number of hidden zippers in the jacket. Now what are these for, Betsy. They can't be for - is it for mad money?

Well, it depends on where they're placed. They can be wherever you want them.

WFAA NEWS DIRECTOR (1) IN STUDIO
Good afternoon ladies and gentlemen. You'll excuse the fact that I'm out of breath but about ten or fifteen

We were just having a great time, and actually, we were laughing our heads off.

JFK stock ftg — √ nar cue

I John F Kennedy....do solemly swear... president of the united states...

The day after John KENNEDY'S inauguration in 1961, LEE's mother arrived at the White House to ask for help in locating her son . (finding lee)

WINDOW DISOLVE

She was not the only one asking questions. noone had heard from oswald for over a year.

PUSH IN TO RESEARCHERS

recently released documents show that several government agencies began tracking Oswald in Russia.

MALONE

these files clearly show that there's hardly an intelligence agency that did not have an interest in Lee Harvey Oswald. Navy intelligence was worried about radar secrets he may have given to the Russians. The, ah, FBI was concerned that an imposter might be using as papers to come to sneak into the United States and the CIA had both a positive and a counterintelligence interest.

This is John Newman's work.

NEWMAN

The people who handled these files and who read them were branch chiefs and division chiefs and senior staff people in the clandestine services. What this all adds up to is a, a very significant level of interest in this man.

HELMS

The FBI would certainly interview him for counter espionage purposes and to try and find out whether the KGB had recruited him, //whether he was going to be somebody that they had to continue to watch uh, what his motives were and all the rest of those things. **And it was the FBI's responsibility and if they interviewed him once or twice, that would seem to me to have been adequate.**

DENSLEYA track

Newman's work in 1975 disclosure records

One former CIA officer, however, says he read an AGENCY debriefing of oswald in 1962.
(in 1962)

Donald Deneselya still does undercover work, but agreed to be interviewed in shadow.

DENSLEYA

I received across my desk a debriefing report. It was a debriefing of a marine redefector. He was returning with his family from the Soviet Union and was back in the United States. The report was approximately four to five pages in length. It gave alot of details about the organization of the Minsk radio plant. It was signed off by a CIA officer by the name of Anderson.

TILT FILES/MUGS

FRONTLINE researchers pored through Oswald's recently declassified CIA file at the National Archives. They found hard evidence which suppports Deneselya's story.
(they/and)

NEWMAN

We were very interested in the marginalia and the handwritten notes

on these files. And one day I picked up a piece of paper and turned it over and could see through the back, I could read handwriting that said - OO, Andy Anderson, OO on Oswald. Later on we found out that OO really is the symbol, the office symbol for the Domestic Contacts Division which would have had the debriefing mission on Oswald had there been one.

HELMS WS

FRONTLINE showed the document to former director Helms.

PAGE FLIP

HELMS VO
I know of no contact that was made

HELMS

by CIA with Oswald when he returned to the United States, there may have been one, but I'm not aware of it and I'm not able to shed any light on who it would have been.

INT:

And this document doesn't change your mind?

HELMS:

And that document doesn't change my mind in the slightest.

FILE THUMBING/MUGS/FILES

FRONTLINE interviewed over 30 cia officers off the record, including, a former deputy chief of domestic contacts.

He confirmed Densleya's story that the CIA had debriefed– It was just a routine contact, he said.
(He said it was just a routine contact)

DENESELYA

My feeling at this point is the report is buried somewhere. I don't know where it is, but I'm sure it is probably in the contacts division, somewhere, or in one of the other filing systems at the agency.

OO ANDY Z.I.	**Several CIA officers remembered an Andy Anderson, who worked for domestic contacts.**
OO ANDY Z.O.	**The CIA has not responded to Frontline's request to identify Anderson.**
FLAGS	**What now seems certain is that the CIA is still covering up its contact with Lee Harvey Oswald. Was it just a routine interview, or something more? And why has it remained hidden for 30 years?**
FADE TO BLACK	
OAK CLIFF	**in the autumn of 1962, the Oswald's moved to Dallas. They were befriended by a group of Russian immigres who helped them settle in.**
STILL– GEORGE	**One of them, George DeMohenshildt, had originally come from Minsk. He took a special interest in Lee.**
GDM	I actually believe he was a very sincere person and with me he was extremely sincere. Because I treated him like a
trim!?!?!?!?!?!	son, or as a soldier in my regimen.
PHOTO LAYOUT– DOLLEY 2 WORKERS	**deMohrenschildt helped Oswald find a job at a photo lab downtown, where he worked beside Dovid Offstein.**
OFSTEIN #6 (627, pg 10)	I met Lee Oswald when he came to work for Jaggers Chile Stovall in October of 1962, and was involved in training him on the equipment we used in the photographic department.
OFSTEIN #4 (626, pg 6)	About a month or two after ah, Lee came to work for us, he ah asked me what the company policy was about making ah, using the the company equipment for making personal photographs, enlargements of ah